

## FLEEING IN SKIFF ROBERTS IS SLAIN

Whether Killed by Own Hand or  
by Fusillade of Posse Is  
Matter of Doubt.

## TRAILED FOR MANY HOURS IN DARKNESS OVER WATER

Papers in Pockets Suggest Others  
Murdered Mrs. Woodill.

## TRAGEDY MAY NOT BE CLEARED

Deed Would Indicate That Supposed  
Assassin Was Robert E. East-  
man, a New York Broker,  
Who Failed Recently.

ST. MICHAEL'S, Md., June 25.—The coroner has in his possession a letter found on Roberts, or Eastman, as he is now supposed to be, addressed to Miss Vinnie Bradcomb, care Klaw & Erlanger, 42d street, New York, in which the writer asks the girl to come down to Maryland to take charge of his body and property, as he intended to commit suicide.

Eastman added that he had been out in a boat with four other people, two men and two women; that all had been drunk except himself and one girl; that one of the women struck another over the head with a wine bottle and had killed her.

ST. MICHAEL'S, Md., June 25.—Dead, either by the shots of a sheriff's posse or by his own hands, Emmet E. Roberts, the accused murderer of beautiful Mrs. Edith May Thompson Woodill, protégé of Lyman J. Gage, passed beyond the reach of the law today. With his death vanished the hope of clearing up the details of one of the most shocking crimes the state of Maryland ever has known.

With the lips of both victim and undoubted slayer sealed by death, the story of the night struggle in the lonely bungalow on the shores of a tidal inlet of Chesapeake bay; the story of the mad efforts of the slayer to conceal his identity and to dispose of the body of the woman, who though twice married, was still a mere girl in years; the story of the scenes preceding the fatal attack and, above all, the motive for the atrocious deed, may never now be told.

The mystery of Mrs. Woodill's antecedents, her brilliant prospects and accomplishments, her beauty and the prominence of her foster parents and relatives, and the brutal manner of her death created an intense interest in themselves, which was further heightened today by the death of the man in whose company she was last seen.

Roberts, who is little known here, is now believed to have assumed that name. Robert E. Eastman is believed to be his real name, according to papers discovered today.

**Suicide or Slain by Posse.**  
Whether the man, as at first reported, was killed by the shots fired at him early this morning by a posse of searchers which had been hunting him all night or whether he committed suicide is not yet established.

For dramatic features the death of Roberts could hardly be surpassed. It was in the blackest part of a moonless



Mrs. Gilbert Woodill.

night—the half hour of darkness just before dawn—when the posse came up with its quarry, who had earlier in the night taken to a rowboat and sculled up Back creek.

Huddled in on all sides Roberts tried to break out through the many branches of the creek. The slight noise made by his oars was detected, and the eagle-eyed watchers saw the dark form of his boat over the water.

There was a sharp command to halt, which went unheeded; then another command. Then Roberts fired, whether at the posse or at himself is as yet unknown. In answer to his shot the posse sent

## MRS. GOULD WINS SUIT

Granted Separation, With  
\$36,000 a Year Alimony.

## AGAIN ON STAND TODAY

Never Was Intoxicated in Her Life  
She Declares.

## HER FRIENDSHIP FOR ACTOR

Meetings With Dustin Farnum  
Merely to Talk Over Stage  
Affairs.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Justice Dowling has just granted Mrs. Gould a separation, with alimony of \$36,000 a year.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Katherine Clemmons Gould, who is suing Howard Gould for a separation and alimony of \$250,000 a year, experienced another long ordeal on the witness stand today while under cross-examination by her husband's counsel. Mrs. Gould in her direct testimony made a general denial of all the allegations of intoxication and improper conduct of which she has been accused by the witnesses for the defense. She explained her friendship with Dustin Farnum, the actor, in that she simply desired to solicit his aid in some of her plans to return to the stage after she and Mr. Gould had separated, in July, 1906.

The large number of checks for "refreshments" which were furnished Mrs. Gould at the St. Regis Hotel in the fall of 1906, when she lived there, and as the defense contended frequently had Mr. Farnum as her guest, are likely to be a subject of inquiry by Mr. Nicol, the defendant's counsel, on cross-examination. The trial is expected to be completed today.

Mrs. Gould was recalled to the stand at the opening of the court. Mr. Nicol started the cross-examination by asking Mrs. Gould if it were true, as she had testified, that she had never been intoxicated or under the influence of liquor in her life.

"That is absolutely correct," Mrs. Gould said, positively.

## May Have Forgotten Something.

Mr. Nicol referred to the affidavits made by Mrs. Gould and Dustin Farnum, the actor, in Mrs. Gould's previous alimony suit.

"You both swore in those affidavits that it was the whole story of your acquaintance and relationship, did you not?" asked Mr. Nicol, reading such a statement at the conclusion of the affidavits.

"Yes, but I may have forgotten something," replied Mrs. Gould.

Mr. Nicol called attention to the fact that the meetings in Washington, at the 14th street ferry in this city, at the Athletic Club on Travers Island, and in Brooklyn, which Mrs. Gould had testified, to which Mrs. Gould had testified, were all omitted from the affidavits.

"You forgot all these things when you made the former affidavit, or did you intentionally wish to deceive the court?" asked Mr. Nicol.

Mrs. Gould said that she had not recalled the other incidents at the time she made the affidavit.

Counsel for both sides agreed that Mrs. Gould and Mr. Farnum had met nineteen times in all, of which Mrs. Gould said eighteen were by appointment.

**Talked "Stage" for Ten Hours.**  
The witness said she had met Farnum to talk business on all but the occasion in Hartford, when they met by accident.

"Now, you say you were thinking of returning to the stage?" asked Mr. Nicol.

"Yes, very seriously," replied Mrs. Gould.

"Did you consult any of the leading managers in New York about it?" asked Mr. Nicol.

"No," said the witness.

Mrs. Gould said she had a talk with Farnum about his going into the "high-class drama" and playing "heavier roles." She considered that cowboy characters were not to be allowed.

Mr. Nicol wanted to know if Mrs. Gould had talked to Farnum for ten hours about her theatrical ventures on the occasion of the automobile trip on Long Island when the car broke down.

Mrs. Gould said that was the principal topic of their conversation.

"Didn't you ever exhaust that subject and talk about something else?" asked Mr. Nicol.

"No, it is inexhaustible," said Mrs. Gould.

Mrs. Gould said she met Farnum at the Hotel Carroll, in Lynchburg, Va., in the fall of 1906, to apologize to him because she had invited him and his manager to Blue Gap farm, and had then notified them not to come.

"Did it take you two days and a half to apologize?" asked Mr. Nicol.

The question was not allowed.

**Admits Admiring Farnum.**  
"You had considerable admiration for Dustin Farnum, didn't you, Mrs. Gould?" asked Mr. Nicol.

"Yes, I admired him as a man, who was witty and entertaining at times," said Mrs. Gould.

The witness was sure she never had any affection for the actor.

Mrs. Gould said she had broached the subject of a new theater in New York to Mr. Farnum, and wanted to know if he thought it would pay.

Mr. Nicol finished his cross-examination, and Justice Dowling asked Mrs. Gould if any presents or letters had ever been exchanged between her and Farnum.

Mrs. Gould said there had been no presents and only a few formal notes in regard to theatrical matters.

Mrs. Gould appeared to be quite nervous on the witness stand and fidgeted about in her chair. She cried a little to herself as she resumed her seat beside her lawyer, but soon regained her usual composure.

Mr. Shearn called a floor clerk, Janet Sutherland of the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, to refute the testimony of the two girls who said they saw Farnum coming from Mrs. Gould's rooms early one morning in October, 1906. The witness testified she was on the hall watch at that time and did not see Farnum. The defense, when recess was taken, announced they had several witnesses to call in rebuttal.

**Mrs. Gould on the Stand.**  
After this report closed yesterday afternoon, Mr. Shearn called Mrs. Howard Gould to the stand.

Her face was a trifle pale, her hand appeared to shake occasionally, and once it seemed as though her voice would break, but her determination and the eagle-eyed watchers saw the dark form of his boat over the water.

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TWO CENTS.



THE NEW BRYAN.

## CREDIT TO PRESIDENT

Authorship of Corporation Tax  
Amendment Fixed.

## MR. LONGWORTH EXPLAINS

Busy Electric Fans Feature of the  
Cabinet Meeting.

## APPROPRIATION FOR CENSUS

Executive Going to Yale Next Tuesday—Departure for Beverly, Mass., July 3.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, son-in-law of former President Roosevelt, said today that President Taft will be accorded universal credit for authorship of the corporation tax amendment to be placed on the tariff bill by Congress. Mr. Longworth was one of the President's visitors today, and in talking about the proposition said that he has in his possession the original draft of an amendment, drawn by the present Attorney General, before Congress was called in extra session March 15. In fact President Taft had the proposition in mind long before his inauguration, and had requested Mr. Wickham to prepare a draft of it before Mr. Wickham was nominated and confirmed as head of the Department of Justice.

"A good deal of misinformation has been spread throughout the country with regard to what is known as the corporation tax," Mr. Longworth said. "I have heard statements to the effect that it is a new proposition, one recently evolved to meet the exigencies of the situation in the Senate. As a matter of fact, it is not a new proposition at all, but one that has been before Congress for many months. It was evolved and suggested originally by President Taft. I happen to have this bill in my possession some time before the 10th of March the President handed me a draft of this proposition, which he had caused to be prepared by the Attorney General, and requested me to bring it to the attention of the republican members of the committee on ways and means, who were at that time engaged in framing the tariff bill, and it was carefully considered by that committee. No definite action was taken, however, because it was thought that with the inheritance tax, which had been specifically recommended by the President in his inaugural address, abundant revenue would be supplied. Thus, far from being a novelty, this proposition has had as much opportunity for consideration as any item in the bill."

Mr. Longworth was one of the few visitors to the President before the cabinet meeting. Senators Root and Lodge kept the door between his private office and the cabinet room open, and when engaged prior to the cabinet meeting and afterward in private conference with visitors having engagements he did not close the doors, giving as free circulation to the air as possible. The President is standing the weather well and expects to continue playing golf each afternoon unless the thermometer rises higher than it has the last four days. He is losing in weight from the exercise, too.

The President was today handed the fourth measure passed by Congress. It was joint resolution No. 33, by Senator Burton, giving authority to use unexpended balances for rivers and harbors. Just three other joint resolutions have been signed by the President this session.

## Hot for Cabinet Meeting.

Secretary Nagel was the first of the cabinet officers to arrive, the others dropping in singly. All were attired to suit the weather, and when the cabinet advisers were assembled around the big cabinet table no objection was made to the busy electric fans.

The President was seriously ill from shock last night, but he is gradually recovering. The injured persons are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Chester, who were on an excursion to Shell Park here. The accident was caused by a car in the leading line of trolley pole and stopping, with the result that the second car crashed into it.

**Bill to End French Lotteries.**  
PARIS, June 25.—The government has submitted to the chamber of deputies a measure to put an end to the numerous lotteries which are the curse of France. After a term of eighteen months they will be completely prohibited.

## Want Warship for Celebration.

PARIS, June 25.—Charles C. Moore of San Francisco has arrived here from London to ask France to send a warship to take part in the naval review to be held at San Francisco next October to celebrate the rebuilding of the city after the earthquake of 1906.

## NO CENSUS BUILDING

Conferees Strike Out Provision  
From the Bill.

## DEADLOCK OVER LOCATION

Manner of Expending Appropriation  
Also an Issue.

## PRESENT QUARTERS TO BE USED

Conferees Through With Civil Service  
Provision Affecting Residence of  
Applicants for Positions.

The Senate and House conferees on the census bill this afternoon agreed to strike out of the bill entirely the provision for a new census building. The question of where the building should be located and how the money should be expended has been at issue between the two branches of Congress ever since the bill went into conference at the beginning of the special session. The House instructed the director of the census, under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, for the use of the census office and other governmental purposes, the site and the buildings thereon, containing about 118,000 square feet, on B street, northwest between 1st and 2d streets.

This includes the building now occupied by the census office. An expenditure of \$430,000 was authorized for this purpose.

The House further provided that the director, in the same manner, erect a building on the portion of the site not now occupied by the census building at a cost of \$250,000.

**The Point at Issue.**  
The Senate struck out both of these provisions of the House bill, and in place of them directed the Secretary of the Treasury to provide a suitable building for the census on the land already owned by the government, or to acquire new land, and a lump sum of \$750,000 was given for both purposes.

Unable to agree upon either of these propositions, the conferees cut the Gordian knot and struck out the whole building proposition. That means that the present rented quarters will be occupied, with perhaps some additional rented quarters, during the taking of the thirteenth census, unless some provision is made for a new building in another bill.

One other thing the conferees did today was to agree to the House provision granting a salary of \$5,000 to the assistant director of the census, and to a compromise of \$2,875 for the disbursing clerk.

Acceptance was taken early in the afternoon for lunch, and the remaining unconverted portions of the bill will be taken up later in the day.

## The Civil Service Rule.

The conferees have nothing more to do with the provision requiring that an applicant for a civil service position in any branch of the government service must be actually domiciled for one year previous to taking his examination in the state in which he claims legal residence, and that he take the examination in that state. This was added to the bill by the Senate and was agreed to by the House a few days ago, which means that it will become law as soon as the bill is signed by the President.

This provision, which is of such great importance to residents of the District, is as follows: "Provided that hereafter all examinations of applicants for positions in the government service, from any state or territory, shall be held in the state or territory in which such applicant resides, and no person shall be eligible for such examination or appointment unless he or she shall have been actually domiciled in such state or territory for at least one year previous to such examination."

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## MIGHTY WARM TODAY

Crest of Hot Wave Keeps on  
Mounting Higher.

## TORRIDITY IS GENERAL

Forecaster Garriott Says There Are  
No "Cools" in Sight.

## DOGS BEGINNING TO GO MAD

Extreme Heat Likely to Prevail at  
Least Until Sunday—Cases  
in Hospital.

Temperatures Today.	
Downtown Kiosk.	Weather Bureau.
90..... 9 a.m..... 87	
94..... 10 a.m..... 87	
96..... 11 a.m..... 89	
98..... 12 noon..... 90	
101..... 1 p.m..... 92	
102..... 2 p.m..... 93	

The hottest day of the year—102 degrees—was the street temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon. This tropical torridity was registered by the official thermometers in the weather bureau kiosk at 14th street and Pennsylvania avenue. At the same time heavy cumulus heat clouds, or "thunder-heads," were assembling in the western and southwestern skies.

The highest crest of the heat wave rolling over this country from Maine to California and southward to Florida will be reached today, according to Forecaster Garriott.

As an evidence of how the wave is topping up, he said that at 1 o'clock this afternoon the official temperature was 92, while at the same hour yesterday it was 87, just five degrees lower.

"Should this ratio of rising temperature continue," Prof. Garriott added, "this will be the hottest day of the year. Hot conditions will, however, continue about two days longer, and then we may expect a 'cool,' although today there are no cools in sight anywhere. The torridity is general. Up in Maine it is as bad as it is here."

## Policeman Shoots Mad Dog.

People are not the only things that are mad at the sizzling heat. The dogs are beginning to show their anger by "going mad." The first mad dog of the season made its appearance today near 6th and streets northeast. He was galloping wildly along the street, only stopping occasionally to do a few circus stunts, such as turning somersaults and executing beautiful circles. His mouth was covered with foam, and the canine snapped viciously at both animate and inanimate objects. Trees looked just the same to the mad dog, and he could only be conjectured how many imaginary men, beasts and serpents he had within the range of his vision.

Suddenly while the maddened animal was looping the loop near 6th and M streets, Policeman Steele here in sight, having heard the cry "mad dog," he shot the dog before it had bitten any one. The carcass will go to the Agricultural Department for analysis.

## Cases of Heat Prostration.

Three cases of heat prostration were reported up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, and several women fainted as a result of the blistering heat.

William T. Harvey, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, suffered an attack of heat prostration this morning while at Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street northwest. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital and given treatment. He soon recovered and was sent to the home.

Frederick Johnson of 1316 34th street was removed to the Emergency Hospital from 21st and E streets this morning and treated for heat prostration. He soon recovered and was able to leave the hospital.

William Lucas, colored, of 212 Y street was treated at the Emergency Hospital yesterday afternoon for heat prostration. He was overcome while at 13th and F streets.

**"Cool" Supplants "Coal."**  
In the good old winter time, when frost is in the tracing atmosphere, and snow and ice are everywhere, a familiar cry is heard on the streets of Washington. It is uttered by colored men sitting in the seats of wagons—"C-o-a-l, c-o-a-l."

Today with the sun playing its heaviest heat down on man and woman and all others, and the shirt-waist man in evidence on all sides, there came another cry. A venerable colored man, whose form was hidden beneath a mass of large, curly hair, and who was dressed in a cheerful one and presented one means of alleviating the torture from the heat, was heard to cry: "C-o-o-l, c-o-o-l, get cool, c-o-o-l." The invitation was a cheerful one and presented one means of alleviating the torture from the heat.

So the man did a little for his fellow man, and the proceeds fairly jingled in his pockets.

People clustered beneath shade trees like flies about a sugar barrel, and gasped for a breath of cool air, but the few and faint breezes that blew came as breaths from a fiery furnace.

## Great Day for "Moppers."

There was standing room only in the city parks, and fat men paced the park walks mopping their florid countenances with vigor. It is a great day for "moppers."

The horses suffered more today than

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## LEON MAY BE ON SHIP

Arizonian Carries Chinese  
Sailor of Similar Name.

## LEFT NORFOLK YESTERDAY

Police Suspicious Excited Too Late  
to Intercept Man.

## SHIP IN NEW YORK JUNE 12

No Port of Call Before Bermuda, and  
Vessel May Not Stop This  
Side of Magellan.

NORFOLK, Va., June 25.—The Hawaiian Steamship Company's steamer Arizonian, which sailed from Norfolk yesterday, bound for San Francisco, has aboard Leon Ling, or Lang, who was signed as a member of the vessel's Chinese crew in New York June 11.

He left New York on the steamer June 12 for Lambers point, where she yesterday finished taking on a full cargo of government coal for the Pacific coast. The Arizonian passed out the Virginia capes early today, after having been aground several hours on Bush Bluff shoals, where she struck in passing out the lower harbor last night.

## Now Off Cape Hatteras.

The Arizonian passed Cape Henry outward bound at 8:15 o'clock this morning. This afternoon she was only a short distance down the North Carolina coast, probably off Cape Hatteras and Diamond Shoals.

During the vessel's stay here a strange Chinaman was seen walking about the city. He did not mix with any of his fellow countrymen, and nothing could be learned of him.

Yesterday Detective Wright of the Norfolk police department got trail of the stranger, who seems to answer in many details the description of Elsie Sigel's murderer, and followed him to Lambert's point, but arrived at the coal pier just after the Arizonian had left on her long voyage around to San Francisco.

The detective was told that the Chinaman for whom he was searching was aboard the outgoing steamer. The name of Leon Ling, or Lang, appears among the list of the crew of the Arizonian which was filed by the master of the steamer in the office of the collector of customs here.

## Nearly of Same Age.

While the age of Elsie Sigel's murderer is given from New York as thirty-five years, the age of Leon Ling or Lang aboard the Arizonian is given as thirty-seven years.

Leon Ling or Lang is only one of three Chinamen signed as members of the crew of the Arizonian, which up to this time has been plying between New York, Philadelphia and Mexican ports in the sugar trade. She is now to run between San Francisco and Hawaii.

The ship left at which the Arizonian is likely to stop on her way southward is St. Lucia, in the British West Indies. Being a Chinese steamer, it is quite possible she may make no stop until Punta Arenas, in the Straits of Magellan, is reached.

The script writing filed at the Norfolk customs house is not sufficiently clear to tell exactly whether the name of the suspect aboard the Arizonian is "Ling" or "Lang." It could be taken for either.

## Arrest at Newton, N. I.

NEW YORK, June 25.—The police of Newton N. I., today arrested Chinaman answering in a general way the description of Leon Ling. He seemed anxious to avoid observation, and on him were found a small revolver and a box of cartridges.

He said he was Harry Kolo, thirty-six years of age, with no address, and that he had been in this city were detailed to inspect the prisoner.

## CHINESE CHRISTIANS TO AID.

Oriental Converts Repudiate Leon and Also Blame Girl.

T. W. Ying, a student in George Washington University, and last summer employed by Secretary Ou in the secretary's department at the Chinese legation, was formerly assistant to the missionary in charge of the Chinese mission at 42 Mott street in New York city.

Recently he wrote to Lee Towse, the present head of the Mott street mission, asking for information regarding the religious activities of Leon Ling and Miss Sigel, and suggesting that all the Chinese Christians in New York should make a united effort to find Ling.

"I have received your letter concerning Miss Sigel. The newspapers are saying so much that they will injure the teaching of Christianity among the Chinese. So the Chinese did a little for their fellow man, and the proceeds fairly jingled in his pockets."